The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on September 7, 2010 at the GSA small conference room at 7pm. Please submit any articles about your club by the 10th of each month by clicking below or diggings4h@gmail.com

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ATTENTION All Community Club Leaders

Each year the County Record Book Competition gets bigger and bigger. The comments and remarks for each and every book are positive, and constructive. Completed record books signed by project leaders & members need to be turned into your Community Club Leaders by August 20th.

You can either use the State 4H Guidelines or use the Amador County 4-H Record Book Guide.

Remember that these record books can be entered at the Amador County Fair next year.

Record Book Forms

- Annual Project Report (fillable)
- Junior/Teen Leader Report (fillable)
- PDR Personal Development Report (fillable)
- Primary PDR (fillable)
- Primary Star Ranking (fillable)

The close of the 4-H year is upon us.
In August, all registered 4-H members and leaders will be receiving reenrollment packets for the next 4-H year. Enrollment for the 2010/2011 opens Wednesday, September 1st and closes Friday, October 10th. All 4-H members (returning & new) need to enroll during that timeframe to be able to participate in the 2011 Amador County Fair. A member can register after the close date but will not be eligible to participate in the fair.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD.
The leader’s prices were kept the same as last years but the member’s prices increased $4.00 more due to our increased fees.

Members $20.00
Leaders $10.00

Your Community Club leaders will be notified when they can pick up the enrollment packets for their clubs. The packets should be picked up and filled out and then returned to the 4-H Ext Office by 10-10-10. If this causes financial hardship for your family, please contact Larry Fossen at (209) 223-6484 there are scholarships available.
Concours d'elegance

In 1993, Gail and John Kautz decided to stage an automotive concours d'elegance at their winery near Murphy's, California. The Kautzes, being farmers and vintners, suggested that proceeds from the concours benefit young people involved in agriculture, notably 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers of America and the California State Fair Scholarship Fund.

This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to talk about their projects, show off their animals and receive credit in their record books!

The event will be held on September 25th at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphy's, and will include over 300 classic automobiles, vintage motorcycles and classic trailers.

You have the opportunity to do a presentation, show off a display or give an impromptu speech at the Concours.

Look for the attachment in this newsletter!

Cookies! Each year we donate gift bags to the car show participants. 4-H members from Amador, El Dorado, Mariposa, Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties all bake cookies for the gift bags. We need the cookies to be in sandwich-sized bags (typically four to six cookies per bag, depending on the size). Our county needs a total of thirty bags, so any help would be greatly appreciated!

Many people dress the sandwich bags up, with green ribbon, which is a nice touch, but not required. Cookies can be dropped off at the 4-H Office and they will need to be dropped off no later than noon on Thursday, September 23rd.

Cookies can also be brought to the Registration Table at the Concours event by 9:00 a.m. if you’d prefer.

Have you thought about being a Project Leader?

4-H Needs you!

Our 4-H leaders are the backbone of the 4-H program as 4-H is an all volunteer led program.

You can open the doors for youth and yourself to gain new life learning experiences through 4-H projects.

There are many reasons to become a volunteer. Some people want to become involved in their children’s activities, others want to help children in their community or have a skill to share, and others were 4-H’ers as children and want to share their experiences.

4-H volunteer leaders must be at least 18 years of age. You don’t have to be an expert on a subject, just willing to learn with the youth.

Many resources are available through the 4-H Ext. office that will assist you with information to be successful.

As a project leader you can help youth develop into responsible, self-directed, productive citizens of the world. Projects have a focus in citizenship, leadership, and developing life skills, using the experiential learning model of “learning by-doing”.

Learning-by-doing is a basic philosophy of 4-H. Within the project, members learn things to do, things to make, and things to explore. As members gain experience, the size of their projects may be increased and/or they may choose to take on additional projects.

The 4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course was developed in collaboration with 13 western regional states. This course is primarily for 4-H volunteers who want an introduction to the 4-H youth development organization and its philosophy. This course is a precursor to the 4-H volunteer orientation. Taking this training does not certify you as a 4-H volunteer leader.

When you finish this course, you’ll be able to define the purpose of 4-H, identify partners of the organization, explain where and how 4-H is conducted, and determine how to get started as 4-H volunteer. The training takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

This course includes: "About 4-H" - provides information about the purpose and philosophy of 4-H. It also introduces you to the many ways in which you can participate.

• "Positive Youth Development" - provides information on the essential elements of 4-H. You will also learn about the positive aspects of working with youth groups.
• "Getting Started in 4-H" - provides information about conducting club meetings, after school programs and other types of gatherings.
• "Leadership and Teaching" - provides techniques and tools for working with youth groups.

Click here to take this course. Password: volunteer

Available online at: http://ceamador.ucdavis.edu/newsletters.htm
Jackson Gold Wheels

(Top Left) Some of our exhibitors on auction day. (Bottom Left) JGW running for the bank long after they finished showing. Very proud of you! (Bottom Right) One of our nightly communal dinners getting to know each other better

(Middle) Great job on our Cavies exhibition booth! Whoop whoop!

Shenandoah Valley

At the fair with new branded boards

Won blue ribbons on our inside booth and outside garden by the pond.

The jeep was custom detailed by members

(R) Rachael Lyman showing the best job in the garden is with your hands!

About twenty showed up to plant the annual flowers at the outside garden at the Amador Fair. Salvia, grape hyacinth, gazania and snap dragons were a few selected for the display.

4-H is for all youth who like action, learning, and FUN!

I pledge...

...to my club, my community, my country, and the world.
Congratulations to our new 4-H Council officers! They are:
President: Rosemarie Moreno-Moody
Vice President: Janet White
Treasurer: Valerie Anderson
Secretary: Carolyn Holmes

New 4-H Council Officers

PBS Kids is hosting the 2010 Trash to Treasure Competition

This is an opportunity for youth ages 5 through 19 to display their art from the Amador County Fair. The competition requires that applicants take old trash and recycle, reuse, or reengineer their everyday items into a new invention that can either protect the environment, move things or people, or be used for play. The competition deadline is September 5, 2010 at 12:00 noon (ET). For more details, complete rules, and online registration, visit http://pbskids.org/designsquad/contest/index.html.

Read about last year’s winner named Max here.

4-H2O Kits

Pre-Order Your 2010 National Science Experiment Kits Now! On 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD), Oct. 6, youth across the nation examine one of the most important issues facing our nation today—water quality. Kits for the 4-H2O National Science Experiment can be purchased for $22 online at the National 4-H Mall and provides enough material for up to 15 youth. Additional printed copies of the facilitator guide and youth workbooks are also available for sale for $1 each.

Kits will start shipping Aug. 2. Read More

This redesign will link branding with University of California and improve the functionality and usability of the website. Visit www.ca4h.org to see the new look and navigation.

Due to the redesign, please remember to check your links and bookmarks, as they will change.

As part of this project, the State 4-H Office is no longer offering website hosting to 4-H clubs and groups. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu

The newly redesigned State 4-H Website launched on July 1, 2010!
Housecleaning Items

Who pays for project supplies?

At the beginning of the project year, the project leader should make a plan to figure the overall cost of the project (publication fees, duplicating fees, project material costs, etc.).

Can a project leader charge for their services, lessons, or rental? Absolutely NOT. 4-H is a volunteer organization.

Any circumstance, where an adult charges a fee for services, lessons, rental or any related type of charge, even once, is not a 4-H project and the adult is not covered by the UC Liability Insurance.

Also, the youth is not covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance in this situation. Should you have any questions or need clarification about these issues, you are encouraged to contact the 4-H office at (209) 223-6484.

Charging 4-Her’s & Contracts

Often times we are asked how many meetings a 4-H leader should hold to complete a 4-H project.

The 4-H Staff Handbook states, “A minimum of six hours of project instruction is required to complete a project. This means that if you require any type of test or evaluation of 4-H members it must be approved by 4-H staff beforehand.

We cannot require members or parents to sign contracts to use facilities. Any contracts or agreements that are signed on behalf of 4-H must be signed by County Director Scott Oneto.

The University does not recognize contracts signed by volunteers, parents or 4-H members which means you are personally liable if you do.

So please, always remember to bring any forms for facility use or rental agreements to the 4-H office.

Leaders cannot require 4-H members to attend certain events, perform demonstrations or give speeches in order to have Fair entry forms or other event registration forms signed.

Members are required to attend 80% of their project meetings, and meet the attendance criteria for community club meetings to be in good standing with their club.

They must also turn in a completed 4-H record book to their community club by August 20th to receive their year pin, stripe and other awards given by their 4-H Club/4-H Council.

Of course, they must comply with the Code of Conduct also, which they signed when they joined 4-H.

If you have any questions about these or other issues, please don’t hesitate to contact the 4-H office.

We are happy to help and want to encourage a great 4-H year for everyone!

*New* Possibility Speaking Course!

Check it out and sign up soon spaces are filling up fast! Completely redesigned yet still great fun! (formally Speech and Leadership) Starts Sept 13th

Amador County Fair Board Meeting
August 12th @ 6 pm

Regular Board Meeting (tentative)

Amador County Fair

Calendar of Events

August 20, Record Books Due
Sept 7, 4-H Council Meeting
Sept 7, Jr. Livestock Wrap Up
Sept 25, Concours d’elegance
Oct 5, 4-H Council Meeting
Nov 2, 4-H Council Meeting
Nov 16, Achievement Night
Dec 3rd Annual Countywide 4-H Christmas Party & Amador County 2nd Annual Poultry Show TBA
Jan 4, 4-H Council Meeting
Murphy’s 4-H Rabbit Show & UC Davis Goat Day
Jan 29, AC Presentation Day
Feb 1, 4-H Council Meeting
Sub-Regional’s TBA
March 1, 4-H Council Meeting
AC Fair Beef Pre Weigh-in TBA
April 5, 4-H Council Meeting
April 4-H Home Arts Expo’s. Feed Seminars & Duck Race TBA
May 3, 4– Council Meeting-All Star Applications Due, AC Fair Large Animal Pre Weigh-In, & 27th Annual Cal AM Goat Show
June 7, 4-H Council Meeting-County Council Officer Election & All Star Interviews
July Amador County Fair & Calif State Fair TBA
August 2, 4-H Council Meeting
4-H State Leadership Conference TBA
2010 Ironstone Concours d’Elegance

Saturday • September 25
10am to 4pm
Ironstone Vineyards
1894 Six Mile Road • Murphys, California

Held annually on the last Saturday in September to benefit youth agricultural organizations.

209.785.4234 • www.ironstonefoundation.org
Give A Presentation At The Ironstone Concours!
Saturday, September 26th

The Ironstone Concours Foundation has again requested 4-H members come to the 4-H Concours d’Elegance to perform presentations and show their displays between 10 am – 2 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to talk about their projects, show off their animals and receive credit in their record books! The event will be held on September 26th at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, and will include over 300 classic automobiles, vintage motorcycles and classic trailers.

Admission and lunch is free for 4-H members giving presentations. Each participating 4-H member will receive a free lunch ticket at the 4-H check-in tent. Siblings, parents, and other volunteers will be able to purchase lunch at the event. No coolers, please (this is an Ironstone request). If you are bringing a display or large items for your demonstration, please be set up & in place by 9:30 am. Please no large animals or aggressive dogs (leashed dogs in a 4-H dog obedience or guide dog project are okay).

Presentations will be held from 11 am – 12:30 pm. Impromptu speeches will be held from 12:30 pm to 2 pm. One parent or adult escort driver from each family will receive a free entry wristband at the 4-H check-in tent. All other adults can purchase a wristband at the main gate for $20. Children 19 and under are free.

If your child is bringing a display, please bring a card table or appropriate set up as table space is not guaranteed and may be limited! You may also bring a chair.

If you would like to give a presentation, show off a display or give an impromptu speech at the Concours, please fill out the form below and either drop by, fax or mail to the 4-H office by September 7th.

Our address is:
4-H Office
12200 Airport Rd
Jackson, CA 95642
Fax: 223-3279

4-H Member Name: ____________________________________________________________
Name of Parent or Guardian Attending: ____________________________________________
Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________
County: ________________________________________________________________________
Phone Number: __________________________________________________________________

TYPE OF PRESENTATION
( ) Demonstration  ( ) Display  ( ) Impromptu Speech (1 – 2 minutes)

Give approximate length of non-display presentation: ___________________________ minutes. Impromptu speakers will receive an unusual dictionary word to speak on and receive practice. Lots of fun!

Are you bringing a live animal? If so, what? _______________________________________

Preferred time of presentation or illustrated talk (must be between the hours listed above):
____________________________________ (please note that schedule may change or you may be asked to give your presentation more than once). We cannot guarantee the exact starting time of your presentation, but will do our best to schedule you at your preferred time.

The Ironstone Foundation is requesting 4-H members to be in 4-H uniform. No shorts! Please wear your 4-H cap, white shirt or club t-shirt and jeans or white pants. If wearing a button-up shirt, please wear your 4-H tie or scarf.

Due by September 7th!
The Possibility Speaking Program is a speech and leadership skills workshop for youth 10 through 18 years old and adults. It will be accomplished in a 16 hour workshop (2 hrs weekly) with curriculum from the Possibility Speaking Program. This is a fun and unique workshop developed over a decade. It is encouraging and positive in its format. This program is an informal course in the arts of communication and leadership. The ability to clearly express your thoughts to others so that they are heard and understood is important if you are to become successful in life. This ability is also important if you want to participate in group discussions and decision-making activities.

By participating in this Program, you will learn speaking and leadership skills that you’ll be able to use for the rest of your life. You’ll learn to -
* overcome the nervousness everyone feels when asked to speak before an audience
* organize and present your ideas logically and convincingly
* listen carefully to others’ ideas
* offer helpful advice that will help others improve their speaking and leadership skills
* participate in - and even lead - group discussions or meetings
* become a community advocate

You’ll increase your self-confidence and, best of all, you’ll have fun while you’re learning and you’ll make new friends.

You can’t learn to play the fiddle by reading books or listening to lectures on the subject. You must put the instructions in practice. Even if you were to read many books on the subject, you couldn’t become a good speaker or leader without practice. That’s how this program works. You are given plenty of opportunities to practice in a positive friendly environment.

If you are interested in signing up for this training, contact Larry, 223-6484, at the UCCE/4-H Office Amador County. There is a $5 fee to take this course.